Does the Public Charge Rule Apply to Me?

*Public Charge is assessed at the time of application for admission (entering the U.S.) or adjustment (applying for a green card).

**Where the Public Charge Rule does NOT apply:**

1. **I am applying for Citizenship (naturalizing)**
   - The Public Charge Rule does NOT apply to me
2. **I already have a green card and am applying for renewal**
   - The Public Charge Rule does NOT apply to me
3. **I am or will be applying for a green card based on an approved U visa, T visa, VAWA Self Petition, Special Immigrant Juvenile (SIJ) petition, asylum application, or Refugee status**
   - The Public Charge Rule does NOT apply to me

**Where the Public Charge Rule MAY apply:**

1. **I have a green card but am leaving the U.S. for 6 months or more**
   - The Public Charge Rule MAY apply to me when I come back to the U.S. Speak to an immigration attorney before leaving the U.S.
2. **I am or will be applying for a green card on or after February 24, 2020 and am not applying based on an approved U visa, T visa, VAWA Self Petition, Special Immigrant Juvenile (SIJ) petition, asylum application, or Refugee status.**
   - The Public Charge Rule MAY apply to me and certain federal benefits received on and after February 24, 2020 could be considered. Speak to an immigration attorney about your options.
3. **I currently have DACA or TPS**
   - The Public Charge Rule is not used to assess eligibility when applying for DACA, TPS or a renewal either.
   - The Public Charge Rule MAY apply if I am planning to apply for a green card in the future based on another type of application. Speak to an immigration attorney about your options.